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TO JOSEPH RENSCH PRESIDENT PACIFIC LIGHTING
CORPORATION LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN LNG

FROM AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL

1. WE HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO YOUR JUNE 18
REQUEST AND HAVE ASKED EMBASSY TOKYO TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION IT CAN DEVELOP. WILL LET YOU KNOW PROMPTLY IF
ANYTHING ADDITIONAL OBTAINED.

2. BOTH DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY TOKYO AND JAKARTA OFFICERS
DURING PAST YEAR HAVE TRIED TO ASSIST PACIFIC LIGHTING TO
FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON ASSURED
PACIFIC LIGHTING VICE PRESIDENT PROCTOR ON MARCH 19 THIS
YEAR OF DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN PACIFIC
LIGHTING'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIAN STATE OIL AND GAS
ENTERPRISE PERTAMINA. LATEST SUPPORT WAS IN FORM OF JOINT
CALL UPON SENIOR MITI OFFICIAL IN TOKYO BY EMBASSY OFFICER
AND MR. PROCTOR ON APRIL 27. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED IDEA OF
THIS JOINT PRESENTATION TO STRESS ITS CONCERN FOR LEVEL AND
TREND IN LNG PRICES, ALTHOUGH IT WAS AWARE FACT OF VISIT
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MIGHT COME TO ATTENTION OF INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND BE

MISINTERPRETED AS ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE IN A JAPANESE-INDONESIAN RELATIONSHIP.

3. IN POINT OF FACT, GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA OFFICIALS BECAME AWARE OF OUR APPROACH AND EXPRESSED SERIOUS DISPLEASURE TO US. WE EXPLAINED FULLY REASONS FOR EMBASSY'S ACTION AND BELIEVE THEY NOW ACCEPT OUR EXPLANATION.

4. AT THIS POINT WE BELIEVE ANY FURTHER EFFORTS ALONG LINES YOU HAVE REQUESTED WOULD SOON BECOME KNOWN TO INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND WOULD NOT BE TO ADVANTAGE EITHER OF PACIFIC LIGHTING OR OF UNITED STATES. WE DO WANT TO HELP WHERE WE CAN AND HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN TOUCH. SISCO

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